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72/129. Moderation

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 39/11 of 12 November 1984, 53/243 A and B of 13 September 1999, 64/14 of 10 November 2009, 67/173 of 20 December 2012, 69/140 of 15 December 2014, 70/109 of 10 December 2015 and 71/249 of 22 December 2016,

Reaffirming its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

Recalling Security Council resolution 2354 (2017) of 24 May 2017, in which the Council welcomed the comprehensive international framework to counter terrorist narratives[1] and stressed, inter alia, that terrorism in all forms and manifestations constituted one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that all measures taken by Member States to counter terrorism, including to counter terrorist narratives, must comply with their obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law,

Recognizing that moderation is an important value and approach to countering violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism and to promoting dialogue, mutual respect and understanding,

[1] S/2017/375, annex.

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Acknowledging that the approach of moderation could reinforce the advancement of the three pillars of the United Nations, namely, peace and security, development and human rights,

Recognizing the importance of inclusion, mutual respect, tolerance and understanding, of choosing negotiations over confrontation and of working together in order to build a more secure and peaceful world,

Welcoming the efforts and relevant initiatives at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting moderation and fostering greater inclusion, respect for diversity, understanding, tolerance and cooperation among peoples of different cultures, religions and beliefs,

1. *Underlines* the importance of moderation as an approach within societies for countering extremism in all its aspects and for further contributing to the promotion of dialogue, tolerance, understanding and cooperation, and encourages efforts, as appropriate, to enable voices of moderation to work together in order to build a more secure, inclusive and peaceful world;

2. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to promote moderation as a value that promotes peace, security and development;

3. *Also calls upon* the international community to support the Global Movement of Moderates initiative as a common platform to amplify the voices of moderation over those of violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism;

4. *Calls upon* States Members of the United Nations to undertake initiatives to promote moderation through such activities as outreach programmes and cross-cultural dialogue and to promote the value of moderation, including non-violence, mutual respect and understanding, through education, recalls in this regard the importance of human rights education and training in contributing to the promotion, protection and effective realization of human rights, and encourages discourse and the sharing of best practices to amplify the voices of moderates and allow them to prevail;

5. *Decides* to proclaim 2019 the International Year of Moderation in an effort to amplify the voices of moderation through the promotion of dialogue, tolerance, understanding and cooperation;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations to facilitate the observance of the International Year of Moderation in collaboration with other relevant organizations, bearing in mind that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions.

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